(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such colleges would be set up, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Curriculum of private schools

622. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the curriculum are prepared and pursued independently by schools run by various organizations especially religious organizations in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of number of such schools in the country;

(c) whether Government are aware that factual errors and distortions are found in the syllabi particularly in History being taught in some of these schools;

(d) if so, whether Government have evolved any mechanism to monitor the situation;

(e) whether there are any proposals to bring uniform syllabus in schools across the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Most of the States/Union Territories have their own Examination Boards which prescribe syllabi and textbooks for schools affiliated to these Boards. The respective State Directorates along with State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) prepare textbooks. Schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) follow the curriculum prescribed by CBSE for classes 9 to 12 and the curriculum prepared by NCERT for classes 1 to 8. Some Schools* run by religious or

social organizations follow their own curricula and textbooks. The number of such schools is not Centrally maintained in the Ministry.

(c) and (d) A report of a Sub-Committee under the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has pointed out that some textbooks produced by social and religious organizations reflect biases and distortions. The Sub-Committee under CABE has recommended institution of a National Textbook Council to monitor textbooks.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Model Code of Conduct

623. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission wanted to have a legislative backing to the Model Code of Conduct and vest powers with the CEC to disqualify and impose penalties on violators;

(b)whether any proposal of this nature has been received by Government from the Election Commission; and

(c) if so, what Government has done on such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) In 1992, the Commission proposed that the Model Code of Conduct be given a statutory backing. On reconsideration, on the basis of its experience, the Commission, in 1998 informed that there was no need to convert the Model Code of Conduct into statute. There is no further change in the Commission's views at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Transfer and appointment of judges

†624. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a transfer policy for the judges; and

(b) whether the Committee on Law and Justice has advocated the role of Government in appointments and transfers of judges?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi